

ORSNZ Council Meeting

Date: December 3 2009

Time: 18:00

Place: Central Lecture Block Room C2
University of Canterbury
Christchurch

Attending: Grant Read, Alistair McNaughton, Andrea Raith, Kenneth Kuhn, Matthias Ehrgott, Andy Philpott, John Paynter, Andrew Mason, Fernando Beltran.

The President asked for the minutes of the 2008 Council Meeting to be approved. Minutes were approved. He also presented Council with a copy of the email record of the decisions made by Council during the year, a summary of which is in Appendix 1.

The President proposed that the earlier approval of payment of \$500 to each of two visitors be modified to allow the visitors to each attend two (not the usual three) branches. Matthias Ehrgott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The President reminded the Council of the two options the Council was presented with in regard to GST registration. First option is to deregister the Society for GST payment purposes; the second option is to continue as a registered organization.

President asked the members if any other items needed to be raised.

John Paynter passed on a request by Fritz Raffensperger asking whether job vacancies (academic or industry) could be advertised on the newsletter. Council expressed its support for this.

Andy Philpott commented that the Society has a substantial cash reserve and asked the Council whether funds could be used to invite a world-class, overseas researcher who is carrying out topical research to come to New Zealand. John Paynter commented that in the past some companies had covered the costs of invited speakers.

Andy Philpott asked the Council to congratulate Andrew Mason on his job as President of the ORSNZ. Council congratulated the President with acclamation.

At 18:08 Council meeting was closed.

Appendix 1: Summary of Email Decisions

On 22/1/2009 the President announced that he had prepared an improved ORSNZ constitution that meets the requirements to be registered as a charity, while also paving the way for greater flexibility in the future. Availability of the new constitution on the Society's webpage was also communicated.

On 11/3/2009 the President announced he had prepared an information page on changes to the constitution. A voting form was included with a summary of changes. The President asked the Council member to send him his email vote on his motion that "these constitutional changes now be put to members in a postal ballot as per Clause 9 of our Constitution".

On 16/3/2009 the President communicates that Council voted in favour of the motion that "these constitutional changes now be put to members in a postal ballot as per Clause 9 of our Constitution". Motion was duly passed.

On 4/9/2009 the President consulted the Council on spending \$500 to cover setting up the Web conference management system developed by Ullrich Speidel. This expense was to cover Ullrich's time. After a short exchange of questions to clarify the issue, on 8/9/2009 the President gave the go-ahead to do the work.

On 7/10/2009 the President proposed that we Society offers refunds of expenses of \$500+GST to each of two visitors (\$1000 in total) Professor Denis Borenstein from the Management School of the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul in Brazil, and Prof Mike Pidd from Lancaster University, as invited speakers to the 44th Annual ORSNZ Conference. The motion was declared passed.

On 25/11/2009 the President, on the basis of having reviewed GST figures from recent years, proposed that the Society de-registers for GST. He also proposed that Society's accounts continue being audited by Paul Rouse, who "is happy to continue in the auditing role".

Results:

Proposal that we de-register for GST: For 8 Council members; against 1 Council member; abstain: 3 Council members. Result: Passed

Proposal that we continue with Annual Audits: For 5 Council members.

Result: Passed